

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. In the specification

The specification is amended, as shown in the foregoing AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION, to incorporate the previously submitted preliminary amendment filed on May 18, 2005, which was not entered. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

Entry of the AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

2. In the claims

The currently pending claims are shown in the foregoing LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS.

3. Rejection of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese publication no. 2000-193804 (Hereinafter “the ‘804 publication”)

Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested, on the basis that the ‘804 publication fails to disclose each and every recited element of pending claim 1. The remaining claims depend from claim 1, and are therefore patentable as containing all of the recited elements of claim 1, as well as for their respective recited features.

By way of review, the embodiment of pending claim 1 requires a fingerprint easily erasable film having one surface of the film being matted. As defined on page 3, lines 26-29 of the specification as originally filed, a “matted” surface means a surface condition represented by an arithmetical mean roughness of 0.05 μm or higher in terms of the arithmetical mean roughness Ra defined in JIS-B 0601:1994. The matted surface of pending claim 1 also shows a wet tension of 25 mN/m or higher.

In contrast to pending claim 1, the '804 publication fails to disclose a matted surface of a fingerprint easily erasable film showing a wet tension of 25mN/m or higher.

The '804 publication discloses an anti-dazzle material in the form of a polarization film for use with liquid crystal or plasma displays (LCD, PDP) (paragraphs [0001], [0005]). The purpose of the invention of the '804 publication is to prevent reflection of extraneous lights (paragraph [0005]).

The '804 publication discloses a polarization film 20 having the anti-dazzle material 10 adhered to a surface of the polarization base 24 (fig. 2; paragraph [0035]). The anti-dazzle material 10 includes a surface roughening layer 12, 22 (figs. 1 and 2; paragraph [0035]).

The surface roughening layer 12, 22 may be considered as a matted surface, as this layer is disclosed as having a surface roughness (JIS B0601) in the range of $0.03 \leq Ra \leq 0.30$ (paragraph [0030]).

In order to adhere the anti-dazzle material 10 onto the polarization base 24, a side *opposite* to the surface roughening layer 12, 22 is attached to the polarization base 24 (paragraphs [0033]-[0034]). In order to raise the adhesion with the polarization base, the adhesion side, *opposite* to the surface roughening layer 12, 22 may have surface treatments so that critical surface tension of the adhesion side may be 50 dyne/cm (50 mN/m) or more (paragraph [0034]).

There is no discussion in the '804 publication of the surface tension of the surface roughening layer 12, 22. The only time the '804 publication discusses surface tension is with respect to the adhesion layer that is opposite to the surface roughening layer 12, 22.

Thus, while the '804 publication discloses an adhesion layer having a critical surface tension of the 50 dyne/cm (50 mN/m) or more, it can be seen that the '804 publication fails to disclose a matted surface of a fingerprint easily erasable film showing a wet tension of 25mN/m or higher.

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Accordingly, since the '804 publication fails to disclose every feature of pending claim 1, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

As mentioned above, applicants submit that independent claim 1 is patentable and therefore, claims 2-13, which depend from claim 1, are also considered to be patentable as containing all of the elements of claim 1, as well as for their respective recited features.

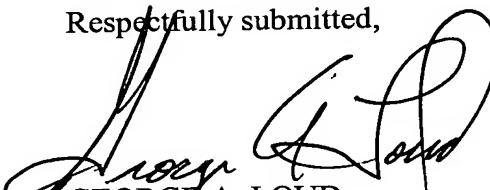
4. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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